Index of industrial production released by CSO

932. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the index of industrial production for August as released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) reflects a growth of only 1.3 percent as reported in the Financial Express dated 11th October, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that earlier data released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) regarding industrial production was taken at face value; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting the data as released by the Central Statistical Organisation this time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) No Sir, the Industrial growth measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for major industry groups for the month of August, 2008 and for April-September, 2008-09 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year is given below:

Growth Rate (in %)

Sector/Industry	August 2007	August 2008	April-Sep 2007-08	April-Sep 2008-09
Mining & Quarrying	14.7	2.7	4.9	3.8
Electricity	9.2	0.8	7.7	2.5
Manufacturing	10.7	1.4	10.0	5.2
Overall	10.9	1.4	9.5	4.9

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Composition of commodities in Indian export basket

933. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the present commodity composition of India's exports, also the details of commodities added to the export basket during the last five years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to further diversify the export composition basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The composition of India's export